

How bitter a thing it is to look into happiness through another man's eyes—Shakespeare.

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Duty is what goes most against the grain, because in doing that we do only what we are strictly obliged to, and are seldom much praised for it.—La Bruyere.

## Dorothy Dix Talks

### TAXING BACHELORS

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ONE of the schemes suggested for raising war money is to place a tax on bachelors. This is on the principle that taxes should be laid on luxuries instead of necessities, and that a man who enjoys the privilege of single blessedness should be made to pay for it.

The plan for taxing bachelors bobs up now and again and it is always hailed with shouts of wild acclaim from everybody except the proposed victim. For like the fat man, nobody loves the bachelor and everybody regards his pocket as fair game.

Women regard the bachelor with sentiments of baffled rage and despair, even while they reluctantly advise him as one who has been supernaturally chosen; that he has been able to escape all the matrimonial traps they have set for him. Such uncanny cleverness seems to them more than human and they unconsciously attribute it to diabolical inspiration.

That's why people speak intuitively of "wicked old bachelors," and why novelists when they want to depict a hard, cruel, crafty, heartless villain invariably make him a bachelor, and why we naively picture a bachelor's life as a perpetual orgy of wine, women and song, although all the bachelors of our acquaintance, who are mostly on the water wagon and the diet kitchen, and whose life and only diversion is work.

Bachelors have the awful fascination and antipathy of women that the big trout has who eludes you though you angle for him summer after summer under the same rock, or that the red fox has that you are always pursuing and never can catch, or that the riddle has that you never can guess.

For women have a soft, tender, half maternal feeling that fills them with pity and sympathy and a sense of protection. Their attitude toward him is that which we see toward the soldier returning maimed from the battlefield. He is one who has faced the dangers of matrimony, who has fought the good domestic fight and who is entitled to spend the balance of his life in celibacy because it is so divine. Therefore she stays her hand at match-making, so far as he is concerned.

But the married woman is a snicker, a jeering quittress, a widow who has stayed here in the cold and kept his skin white instead of black, the domestic scold. He hasn't done his bit, and she feels it her solemn duty to conspire him into the army of husbands.

Therefore, every woman is determined that no bachelor shall escape the halter if she can help it, and the very minute one crosses her pathway she hounds all of her match-making artillery and opens upon him a heavy fire of pretty girls and rich widows that never ceases until he comes up the white flag of surrender or flees for his life.

Besides the passion of resentment

that fills the breast of woman at having been outwitted by the bachelor there is also a sort of holy rage at seeing him spend for his own pleasure and advancements the money that she feels ought to be spent by some woman on French frocks and imported millinery.

When a woman is invited to a bachelor's home to dinner and finds that he has surrounded himself with beautiful and artistic furnishings, with servants who make him utterly and entirely comfortable, her first thought is: "What a selfish beast! I'll bet that humor cost as much as a pearl pendant."

Married men don't love bachelors and, out of sheer envy, would like to sneak them to the extent of the law with taxes.

No matter how much a man loves his wife and children he doesn't disguise from himself the fact that he is a domestic slave. He talks about freedom and independence, but well he knows what will happen if he fails to punch the family time clock at the appointed hour.

Likewise he realizes that the chief end of a married man is to pay bills—rent bills, groceries bills, dress bills, hat bills and school bills—and that after these are paid it is only the deepest pocket that has a lone dollar or two left for the exclusive use and benefit of the man who earns the family roll.

The married man observes the bachelor free to come and go as he pleases, and play a little game of cards without having to purify his immoral soul by giving a lying excuse to his keeper.

The married man sees the bachelor indulging himself in his little fads and fancies. He bears the bachelor planning to take a run to Florida in the winter for the tarpon fishing, or to the Rockies for the big game, or to the Adirondacks in the summer just to rest and invite his soul.

And the married man knows that none of these joys are for him. He foresees them at the altar. He's not so gome straight from the office, because if he does—well, of course, he isn't afraid of Marie—but, hang it all, a name of power or a dimension's worth going through a spell of litigation or a certain lecture. And there are no little trips for him, because Marie and the children monopolize all the travelling and vacations, and by the time he gets through paying for that there isn't enough money left to do more than take a farry ride.

Of course family life is the happiest life it must be because we've seen it for thousands of years, and most people believe, in the desire enough to put it into practical execution, but there are anomalies and exceptions when the married have their suspicions that the holy estate has been over-touted. Then it is that the married man feels towards the bachelor as the poor man feels towards the rich fellow and Christopher.

He is filled with wonder and envy that some other man should have been so much cleverer, so much more fortunate and had so much better luck than he had. Then it is he becomes anarchistic and wants to denounce the bachelor of his wealth.

Let George do it, is his sentiment. Let George, who has shelled, buying shoes and caps for babies, buy them for an army. Let George, who has paid off from under butcher bills for a family, feed the starving Belgians. Taxe checks for an income tax that bears down hard on the bachelors.

Of course men and women both exaggerate the joys of the single estate. The bachelor has freedom, but he often has such loneliness that he would actually enjoy having someone to quarrel with and someone to nag him, while, as for his income, every hand he meets is clutching at his pocket.

Every charity feels that he is too

predetermined victim and he is the hereditary family goat. Every loafing brother, every sister with a trifling husband, every aunt and cousin with a precocious child to be educated, hold the bachelor up and rob him of his hard earned dollars so that the man with no family of his own is often supporting more families than a Mormon.

And now the government is after him. Alas, poor bachelor. He is driven to the last trench and will have to marry in self defense.

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### Mother Throws Acid In Face of Her Drafted Son

TWO HARBORS, Minn., Dec. 17.—To prevent him being accepted into the draft army, Mrs. Charles Magnuson of this city today, according to the police, threw acid into the face of her son, Arthur, while he lay asleep at the family home. He was rushed to a hospital and it was learned there that he will not lose his sight. The only thing that saved his sight, physicians say, is that he was sleeping and had his eyes closed.

Magnuson was to leave today with the drafted boys from Lake county. Constant brooding over the fact that her son was drafted is believed to have affected the mother's mind. She collapsed and has been confined to her bed since.

### PREFERS DEATH TO PAYING HIS WIFE ALIMONY

HONOLULU, Dec. 23.—"You can send me to jail, or you can hang me, for I will never pay a cent to my wife," declared M. Vieria in circuit court yesterday, when Judge Clem K. Quinn ordered him to pay three dollars a week to his wife for her maintenance. Later the man stated that it would be better to hang him right away, as he had no intention of paying any weekly stipend to his spouse.

Judge Quinn listened to the man's statement and then remarked that the man involved did not carry any death sentence and that the order of the court would have to be obeyed or the defendant would have to go to jail.

In addition to the order for three dollars a week Vieria will have to pay the costs of court, and the attorney's fees in the case. This will add to the period Vieria will have to spend in jail, for jail it must be, under the circumstances, as the desire to be hanged cannot be granted by the court.

### NINE FIRE MARSHALS NAMED FOR BIG ISLE

HONOLULU, Dec. 22.—From Fire Marshal C. J. McCarthy there came in Sunday's mail commissions for nine deputy ex-officio fire marshals for the county of Hawaii. They were addressed to Sheriff Puna, who saw that the deputy sheriffs of the county received them.

Those deputies who have been named as ex-officio deputy fire marshals are as follows: E. K. Simmons, Laupahoehoe; W. J. Rickard, Honokaa; W. A. Notley, Waimea; E. K. Kanekohua, North Kohala; C. K. Nahale, North Kona; S. Lazaro, South Kona; G. K. Kawaha, Kau; W. B. Nellima, Puna, and Henry K. Martin, deputy county sheriff of Hawaii.

W. H. Johnson, who was recommended by the board of trade directors and the fire department committee of that organization as a fitting person to be appointed as a paid deputy fire marshal under Fire Marshal McCarthy, also received his commission from Governor Pinkham on Sunday last.

### WHY PAY MORE?

Apples, \$1.50 per box. First grade Newtown Pippin and White Winter Pernambuc. Come and get them. Geo. A. Belavoff, 226 Maunaakea street. Phone 3722—Adv.

Potatoes, For 100-lb. bag, \$3.00. California Onions, For 100-lb. bag, \$2.75. California Feed Co., Ltd. Aloha and Queen Sts.

## Macauley's Cartoon For Today



"WHAT DOES HE SAY, HIGHEST?"  
"HE SAYS YOU MUST BE WIPE OFF THE MAP."

DRAWN BY C. R. MACAULEY

## APPOINTMENT OF GOVERNOR LIKELY TO HANG FIRE; WASHINGTON IS BUSY

### Controversy Over Place May Aid Selection, Says Letter From Capital

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WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 16.—

The expiration of Governor Pinkham's term did not create a ripple of excitement here. It just slipped by without notice or comment. It is freely predicted that no attention will be given to the fact for some time to come.

When questioned on the subject Secretary Lane, who has suggestive jurisdiction over the matter, declared he had been too busy with war and other features even to remember that the period of Governor Pinkham's appointment had expired. No thought whatever has been given to the selection of his successor or his own retention in office for another term.

When other topics are not crowding so hard and fast, he said attention would be given the Hawaiian gubernatorial

It is understood the same situation exists at the White House. The president is busy day and night with pressing problems of utmost importance and lesser matters must wait. It would not be surprising if months

passed without action.

The course followed when Governor Frear overlapped his stay in office by a year or more, likely will be repeated in the case of Mr. Pinkham. Indications are that the matter will be permitted to float along until a more convenient season for taking up trouble-some patronage is found both at the White House and the interior department.

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